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Nine alternative education grants awarded for 2006-07 school year

MADISON—Nine grants for new alternative education programs for the 2006-07 school year will help at-risk students stay in school and progress toward graduation.

“Students bring a variety of needs to school,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in announcing the grants. “Whether students receive more one-on-one instruction, support for family issues, or opportunities to master their studies on-line or through service-learning activities, alternative programs can make all the difference for young people who struggle in a traditional school setting.”

The Department of Public Instruction received 21 applications requesting \$1.8 million for alternative education grants. The \$800,000 allocation for the 2006-07 school year will be split among the nine grants, serving 11 districts, with \$30,400 of the first-year grant allocation going to Generac in Waukesha for its “Second Chance Youth Apprenticeship Program.” Grants are for five years. Recipients receive 96.2 percent of the allocation in the first year, 100 percent in the second and third years, 60 percent funding in the fourth year, and 40 percent funding in year five. The nine new grants make a total of 72 state-funded alternative education programs serving several thousand students in 93 school districts and two cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs).

The DPI works with school districts to develop programs that help all students be successful. Program ideas include early intervention for at-risk learners, jail or detention-based education, credit acceleration, behavior programs, or services for students who have left school entirely and want an opportunity to come back.

“Alternative education programs reach students through innovative curriculum and instruction. Each individual success helps us identify effective alternative education strategies and use these as a basis

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for improving the learning opportunities for all children,” Burmaster said. “Alternative education programs fit with our New Wisconsin Promise to provide a quality education for every child.”

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NOTE: Additional information about alternative education programs can be found on the Department of Public Instruction website at < <http://dpi.wisconsin.gov/alternativeed/alted.html> >.

Alternative Education Grants

Districts or CESAs with an asterisk * are acting as fiscal agents for the consortium listed below their name.

2006-07 Grant Awards

Almond-Bancroft*	\$96,200
Tri-County	
Bangor	\$93,314
Boscobel*	\$45,214
Wauzeka-Steuben	
D.C. Everest	\$76,960
Elkhorn Area	\$93,314
Manawa	\$81,770
Marshfield	\$93,314
Northland Pines	\$96,200
Turtle Lake	\$93,314

2005-06 Grant Awards

Bayfield
Berlin
Boyceville
CESA 9*
Antigo
Elcho
Mosinee
Phelps
Fond du Lac
Hartford Union
Janesville
Kettle Moraine*
Palmyra-Eagle
Oconomowoc
Kiel
Menominee Indian
Middleton-Cross Plains
Neenah
Nekoosa
New London
Park Falls

Phillips*
Prentice
CESA 12
Plymouth
Racine
Sheboygan Falls
South Milwaukee
St. Francis
Sun Prairie
Tomah
Wisconsin Rapids

Continuing Grants 2004-05

Arrowhead Union
Campbellsport
Clintonville
Dodgeland
Ellsworth
Hayward
Hustisford
Kewaunee
Laona
Oconto Falls
Portage
Riverdale
Sparta
Weyauwega-Fremont

Continuing Grants 2003-04

Augusta
Beaver Dam
Burlington
Delavan-Darien

Durand
Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau*
Arcadia
Blair-Taylor
Kewaskum
Madison
Mellen
Mercer
Mishicot*
Manitowoc
Reedsville
Two Rivers
Valders
Mukwonago
North Fond du Lac*
Lomira
Mayville
Oakfield
Rosendale-Brandon
Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton
Princeton*
Montello
Sauk Prairie
Sevastopol
Shorewood
Verona
Watertown *
Johnson Creek
Waterloo
Westfield
Whitewater
Winneconne
Winter
Wrightstown